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	Filing Date	
	Group Art Unit	
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U.S. Parent Application or PCT Parent Number	Parent Filing Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	Parent Patent Number (if applicable)
10/660,995	09/12/2003	
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Additional Priority applications:					
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